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REMARKS

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1. On 12 July 1953, a shipment of 30 trucks and 16 guns, which source believed were 76-mm field guns, loaded on 25 flatcars, including some with sideracks, passed through Elsholz, coming from the direction of Treuenbrietzen and proceeding toward north.

2. In the morning on 26 July, 5 SP guns, 5 tanks, 10 trucks, 2 field kitchens 2 officers and 150 officer candidates were entrained at the Wildpark railroad station. Imprints of tank tracks led from the Krißgasschule to the railroad station.

3. On 25 July, a train of 53 boxcars and flatcars with sideracks, carrying troops and vehicles, arrived in Fuerstenwalde from the direction of Rathenow-Nord and was unloaded.

4. At 10:15 a.m. on 24 July, a shipment of 12 light AT guns, and 10 heavy AT guns, medium and heavy mortars passed through Brandenburg, coming from the direction of Rathenow and proceeding toward Belzig. At 6:30 p.m. on 24 July, a shipment of 4 rocket launchers, 4 heavy guns towed by prime movers with covered numbers and a truck passed through Brandenburg, in a west-east direction.

5. On 22 July, the following shipments en route toward Jueterbog: a train with a total of 40 flatcars with sideracks and boxcars, including 4 occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; and carrying 8 guns, 12 trucks, 4 van-like trucks, 2 sedans, 2 tank trucks and 2 field kitchens, at about 9:35; and a train carrying 10 guns, 32 trucks each mounting a machine gun in firing position, with a crew of 2 to 3 men; 2 sedans and 2 field kitchens; and including 3 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, at about 3 p.m.

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6. At about 6 p.m. on 13 July, a train carrying 12 to 16 x 120-mm mortars, 20 trucks and 2 field kitchens was seen at the Buchholz/Mark railroad station, ready to leave and with the engine headed toward Wildpark. ¹ 50X1-HUM
7. Troops and materiel from the Briefstaubenstation in Bernau leaving toward Berlin on three trains included: 15 x 76.2-mm AA guns, 30 trucks, 4 sedans, 5 jeeps and 60 boxcarloads of troops and equipment. The shipment was under the command of a lieutenant colonel and a major ⁵ 50X1-HUM
8. At about 3 p.m. on 22 July, about 40 guns were entrained at the Fuerstenwalde railroad station. ⁶

Comment. The two trains may have carried artillery units of the Third Gds Mecz Army or 14th Gds Mecz Div and/or the 12th Gds Tank Div or the 9th Gds Tank Div, which went from Jueterbog to firing practices at Altengrabow and/or returned from firing practices at Jueterbog to Neuruppin and Fuerstenberg. 50X1-HUM

Comment. Probably a tank detail of the officer candidate school of the GOFG which transferred to Hillersleben

3. Comment. the shipment had come from Rathenow. The train may have carried units of the 63d AAA Div (US). In this case, however, the presence in the Rathenow area of the troops cannot be accounted for. Elements of the division, in early July, had moved from Fuerstenwalde to Jueterbog.

4. Comment. This shipment is the train from Altengrabow to Eberswalde
- The train, among other units, probably carried a unit of the 312th Gds RI Regt of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army. 50X1-HUM

Comment. two AAA shipments had been entrained in Bernau and had gone to Jueterbog. Information in the present report tends to indicate that the entrained units belonged to the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div which, however, were equipped only with light guns.

6. Comment. Presumably entraining of equipment.

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